



# WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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*Q: Will this bill kick immigrants out of our cities?*

A: No, this bill will not affect most immigrants. This bill only comes into play when a dangerous crime is committed, such as robbery, homicide or an OWI. In that case law enforcement can ask about the person's immigration status, and if they're here illegally, it will be reported, which is current law.

*Q: Does this bill require police to check my immigration status?*

A: No, it simply prohibits a city or county from forbidding law enforcement officers to ask about someone's immigration status if they've committed a dangerous crime.

*Q: If I'm here illegally and I get pulled over for speeding, or driving without a license, will I get deported?*

A: No, traffic related crimes are specifically excluded from this bill (unless it's an OWI).

*Q: What is going to change in my city as a result of this bill?*

A: Nothing, unless you're from Milwaukee county, Madison or Racine. In these areas, the bill just reiterates that police can ask about someone's immigration status if they've committed a dangerous crime.

*Q: If I'm a victim of a crime, but I'm here illegally, can I report it without getting deported?*

A: Yes, police want to help you. This bill only allows law enforcement to ask about your immigration status if you've committed a serious crime. Victims will not be turned over to federal immigration officials.

*Q: Would Senate Bill 533 block cities statewide from issuing their own I.D. cards?*

A: No. The bill still allows all cities and villages to issue municipal IDs, however, they cannot be used for voting purposes or to receive public benefits. This legislation lays out ground rules for the issuance and use. Since county and towns are extensions of state government, the bill prohibits such IDs because the state already issues them for free.

*Q: If the local government can't issue an ID, doesn't this leave immigrants without an ID?*

A: All Wisconsin residents can already get a free state ID card as part of the Photo ID law.

*Q: Why I can't use a local ID to vote?*

A: It's not an acceptable form of identification at the polls. It can be confusing for poll workers, misleading to the card holder who may believe the municipal ID qualifies them to vote and get public benefits.

*Q: Proponents of this bill have stated that a municipal ID will help me gain employment, is this true?*

A: No, not only does issuance of a municipal ID not help one get a job, it gives false hope to the unemployed. A municipal ID card is not recognized on the Employment Eligibility Verification (EEV) form. As a matter of fact, a state ID card alone is not an applicable form of

identification. A state ID must be supplemented with additional documentation to prove identification when filing an EEV form. Creating municipal ID's are not only unacceptable on the EEV form but they cause confusion for those applying for a job.